

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computing device, comprising:
a housing for enclosing various internal components associated with the operation of the computing device; and
an indicator assembly for indicating events associated with the computing device, the indicator assembly being configured to produce ~~[[an]]~~ **a shaped** indicator image at a specific **small** portion of an outer surface of ~~the housing~~ **a housing component that forms an extended outer surface of the housing** when activated, and to eliminate the indicator image from the **extended** outer surface of the housing when deactivated, the indicator assembly including
at least one light source capable of emitting light, and
a light guide for directing light emitted from the at least one light source **so as to illuminate the small portion of the housing component in order to create the shaped indicator image at the extended outer surface of the housing, the area of the shaped indicator image being substantially smaller than the area of the extended surface to an associated specific portion of the inner surface of the housing so as to produce the indicator image at the specific portion of the outer surface of the housing desired to be illuminated.**
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The computing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the light source includes an LED or a group of LEDs.
4. (Original) The computing device as recited in claim 3 wherein the light source includes a red, green, blue and white LED, the colored LEDs performing color mixing in order to effect the color of the indicator image.
5. (Previously Presented) The computing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the light is made incident on a translucent portion of the housing, the translucent portion transmitting light without permitting objects disposed behind it from being distinctly seen.

6. (Previously Presented) The computing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the indicator assembly further includes a mask that blocks light from illuminating all but the specific portion of the housing desired to be illuminated.

7. (Previously Presented) The computing device as recited in claim 1 wherein the light guide includes a light pipe for directing light to the part of the housing desired to be illuminated.

8-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) A computing device, comprising:

a housing component that forms an extended outer surface of a housing of the computing device; and

an indicator configured to alert a user to a particular status of the computing device, the indicator including a light source and a light guide both of which are hidden from view and disposed inside the housing of the computing device, the light source when activated emitting light into the light guide, the light guide directing the light emitted from the light source so as to illuminate a small portion of the housing component in order to create a shaped indicator image at the extended outer surface of the housing, the area of the shaped indicator image being substantially smaller than the area of the extended surface.

38. (Previously Presented) The computing device as recited in claim 37 wherein the extended surface forms substantially the entire front surface of the housing of the computing device.

39. (Previously Presented) The computing device as recited in claim 37 wherein the shaped indicator image is a circle.

40. (Previously Presented) The computing device as recited in claim 37 wherein only the small portion of the housing component is capable of being illuminated when light is made incident on an inner surface of the housing component.

41. (Previously Presented) The computing device as recited in claim 40 wherein the small portion of the housing component is made illuminable via a recess formed in the inside surface

of the housing component, the shape of the recess forming the shape of the shaped indicator image.

42. (Previously Presented) The computing device as recited in claim 1, wherein the light source is a remote light source.